

BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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In Re: :
: Regular Meeting :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Chairman Douglas J. Preisse, Director William A. Anthony, Jr., and Board Members Kimberly E. Marinello, Bradley K. Sinnott, and Gregory K. Haas at the Franklin County Board of Elections, 280 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, called at 3:23 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2014.

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APPEARANCES:

Franklin County Prosecutor's Office
By Mr. Harold J. Anderson, III.
Mr. Nick A. Soulas, Jr.
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On behalf of the Board.

ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Suzanne Brown,
Executive Assistant to the Board

Mr. Jeffrey Mackey,
Manager, Election Operations
Franklin County Board of Elections

Mr. Ben Piscitelli,
Public Information Officer,
Franklin County Board of Elections

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Good afternoon. I would like to call the Franklin County Board of Elections meeting to order. I'll do the roll call.

Kimberly Marinello.

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Gregory Haas.

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglass Preisse.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And Bradley Sinnott.

BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Mr. Chairman, we have -- everyone's here. We do have a quorum. The first item on the agenda would be the approval of the minutes of the May 5th and May 22nd meetings.

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: I move the Board approve the minutes of the May 5th and May 22nd meetings of the Franklin County Board of Elections as submitted.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

2 (All ayes heard.)

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries. I'm
6 passing the statement that you all have to sign.

7 The next item on the agenda is the
8 withdrawal of the Jefferson Township Fire Levy.

9 MR. MACKEY: The Jefferson Township
10 trustees passed a resolution rescinding their
11 resolution to place it on the ballot and asked for it
12 to be withdrawn.

13 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the
14 Board accept the request of the Jefferson Township
15 trustees to withdraw the Jefferson Township tax issue
16 from the August 15th, 2014, Special Election.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

18 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: There is.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

20 (All ayes heard.)

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.

22 The next item on the agenda, we will
23 still have a August Special, and for that Special we
24 need to have several locations. Jeff is going to

1 explain what we're going to do for the August
2 Special.

3 MR. MACKEY: There are four of our
4 locations that serve voters in Licking Heights Local
5 School District. One of them only has 220 voters.
6 We're asking for permission to relocate them to one
7 of the locations that has significantly more voters,
8 especially in an election that will have only roughly
9 10 percent turnout which a third of them will vote
10 absentee. So having the place open for 16 voters
11 doesn't seem to be --

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Where is Licking
13 Heights Local School District?

14 MR. MACKEY: It is on the far east side,
15 north of Reynoldsburg, east of Gahanna.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: The district bleeds
17 into the county.

18 MR. MACKEY: Yes. They file it in
19 Licking County.

20 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: So how many
21 polling places are there now?

22 MR. MACKEY: There are four that service
23 them. We're asking to close the one with the 220
24 voters and reassign them to one of the three

1 remaining locations.

2 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: So we're going
3 from four to three. And how will the affected voters
4 know where they're supposed to go to vote?

5 MR. MACKEY: We will notice them on a
6 mailing, and we'll also notice them on the back side
7 and remind them to go back to their other location
8 for the General Election.

9 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: So you send a
10 postcard and you'll also post something, a sign, at
11 the old location?

12 MR. MACKEY: I imagine.

13 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Does it make sense
14 to send someone to the old location to direct people?

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We have done that in
16 the past.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Well, not for a
18 Special, but we certainly can. The turnout is going
19 to be, I mean we could send folks, there's about,
20 what, four or five locations that we --

21 MR. MACKEY: There will be three open.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Three open.

23 MR. MACKEY: We're just closing the one.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We could have someone

1 posted out there at the unopen place and we will put
 2 signage there as well.

3 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: It will only take
 4 one person to do it for a single day.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: You're correct.

6 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Something to
 7 consider. In any event, I'll move the Board approve
 8 the plan submitted by staff for the relocation of
 9 voters for the August 14, 2014, Special Election, in
 10 the Licking Heights Local School District.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

12 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Second.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

14 (All ayes heard.)

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.

16 The next item on the agenda will be the
 17 certification of the May 6th election recount for the
 18 Franklin Township Gas Aggregate Issue.

19 MR. MACKEY: Last Wednesday we performed
 20 the audit per the LIDS that we drew in the last
 21 meeting and we found no discrepancies between the
 22 audit and the official count. The official count was
 23 correct. We can certify that.

24 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Good. I move

1 that the Board certify the results of the recount
2 conducted on May 28th of the Franklin Township Gas
3 Aggregation Issue as submitted by the staff.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

5 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: There is.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

7 (All ayes heard.)

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.

9 The next item on the agenda is we need to
10 set the early voting in-person hours for the
11 August 5th Special Election. We are going to have
12 the election at the 1700 Morse Road site. Exactly
13 the specific location at the site, I'm not sure, but
14 we will have a room set up at that site. We also
15 intend to move, begin to move there by July 11th, but
16 I could talk more about that after we do this.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So this -- I see that.
18 You are saying this early vote -- where will this
19 early vote be?

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: It will be at 1700
21 Morse Road, beginning July 8th.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So even before we
23 move.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Right. We move on

1 July 11th. We start moving that Friday July 11th
2 through the whole weekend. We will have to have a --
3 and we've talked to the folks doing the construction
4 and PFM. We will have Dana and all the stuff we need
5 to have one area of that place with an occupancy
6 permit to allow us to use it as an early in-person
7 voting location.

8 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: I move the Board set
9 in-person absentee voting hours for the August 5th
10 Special Election for 8:00 to 5:00 p.m., Monday
11 through Friday, beginning July 8th, 2014, and ending
12 August 1st, 2014, and Saturday, August 2nd, 2014,
13 from 8:00 a.m. to noon, at the 1700 Morse Road site.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

15 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

17 (All ayes heard.)

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Now to give you a
19 little more -- we are -- we've been working with PFM
20 and Pizzuti, who is basically, I forgot, they're the
21 project management team for our relocation. We will
22 start getting -- we will -- the scheduled date for us
23 to move is July 11th. They're going to come over
24 here July 10th and do some training on how to move.

1 MS. BROWN: June 26th.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: June 26th. Why do I
3 want to say "July"?

4 MS. BROWN: I don't know.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So coming June 26th.
6 Staff is actually going to start packing up. So
7 we're in the throes of moving. We would like to take
8 the Board down there to take a look at the facility
9 at some time that's convenient to you all's schedule.
10 It's coming along really nice. The walls are all up.
11 You can see how it is laid out. So it would be a
12 good visit to go up there and see just how far along
13 they are. But July 11th is our official move date.

14 We plan to probably send out a notice
15 that we will be closed to the public on July 11th and
16 that Monday July 14th, I think, to allow for the
17 transition from here to over there. It's happening.
18 Staff is gearing up, starting to pack stuff, and
19 Suzanne is doing a great job of coordinating all
20 that.

21 MS. BROWN: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Well, it's a big job
23 so we want to get it right. I'm sure everybody is
24 heading in that direction.

1 Again, I was a little late. Have we
2 concluded our business up to the optional Executive
3 Session?

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. I think we need
6 to go into Executive Session to catch up on some
7 matters. I think we were going to talk earlier.
8 Bill, my phone is dead, and I was in a ceremony from
9 about 7:00 a.m. until just an hour or so ago. So I
10 think we need to do that.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay.

12 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Pursuant to Ohio
13 Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(I) -- or, (1), I move
14 that the Franklin County Board of Elections go into
15 Executive Session to discuss the investigation of
16 charges or complaints against a public employee. No
17 official actions will be taken during the Executive
18 Session.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

20 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Second.

21 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: There is.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I'll do a roll call.
23 Kimberly Marinello.

24 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Gregory Haas.

2 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Yes.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglass Preisse.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Bradley Sinnott.

6 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We now stand in
8 Executive Session.

9 (Executive Session.)

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We need a motion to
11 come out of Executive Session.

12 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: There is. I move
13 that the Franklin County Board of Elections adjourn
14 from Executive Session and that no votes or official
15 action were taken during the Executive Session.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

17 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Second.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I'll do a roll call.
19 Kimberly Marinello.

20 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Here. Yes.

21 Yes. Here.

22 (Laughter.)

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Gregory Haas.

24 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Yes.

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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And Bradley Sinnott.

BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right. Is there a motion to adjourn?

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Yup.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We stand adjourned.

(Thereupon, the Board adjourned at 4:18 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Monday, June 2, 2014, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Carolyn M. Burke, Registered Professional Reporter, and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio.

My commission expires July 17, 2018.

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